



## CITY OF RIVERSIDE TAKING HOMELESS SERVICES TO THE STREETS

The City of Riverside continues to expand its efforts to address the needs of homeless individuals and families in our community. In October, the city's new **Homeless Street Outreach Team** hit the ground running, conducting mobile outreach and providing direct client services to the "hardest-to-reach" populations on the streets of Riverside. Working in partnership with local service providers, law enforcement, city staff, local businesses, community residents, and others, the Outreach Team helps homeless individuals and families to secure shelter, housing, employment, benefits assistance, behavioral health services, transportation back to their hometown and other assistance they need to exit life on the streets and become more self-sufficient. The four-person Street Outreach Team is available for service from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. every Monday – Friday with additional hours on weekends on an on-call basis. Staff from local service providers and community volunteers assists with the street outreach effort through "ride-alongs" conducted throughout the week. The City of Riverside Homeless Street Outreach Team can be reached at 826-2200.



### Homeless Outreach Program - Department Staff Partners with Community to Secure Jobs for the Homeless

Thanks to a unique partnership between Development staff and public and private entities participating in the City of Riverside Homeless Care Network, 32 homeless men and women have secured full-time jobs this month! Members of Calvary Presbyterian Church, a Network partner, came to Housing and Neighborhoods staff with an offer to provide full-time employment at Williams Furnace Company in Colton to over 30 currently homeless individuals. The Department's Homeless Street Outreach Team coordinated with Path of Life Ministries and other Network partners to identify individuals for the jobs, with Grove Community Church to assist those in need of IDs and with County Workforce Development to solicit assistance with transportation and work boots. The Outreach Team worked with Williams Furnace and their parent company, Phoenix Manufacturing, Inc., to coordinate the application and screening

process and to develop a group transportation plan to ensure individuals hired for the jobs could get to and from the work site. The individuals hired for the jobs, most of who are currently residing in one of the city-supported shelters or other transitional housing facilities in the City, will be eligible for full benefits after 30 days, including medical, dental and life insurance, and will receive signing bonuses after 90 days of successful employment. Hats off to staff and all of our community partners involved in this effort.